

ROANNE L. MANN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATE: August 22, 2018
START: 10:00 am
END: 10:30 am

DOCKET NO: 16 cv 7078

CASE: Letchook v. Islamic Republic of Iran

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PLAINTIFFS

ATTORNEY

	<u>Robert Tolchin</u>

DEFENDANTS

<u>Bank Saderat PLC</u> <u>(the "Bank")</u>	<u>Jeremy Frey</u>

- ☐ DISCOVERY TO BE COMPLETED BY _____
- ☐ NEXT _____ CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR _____
- ☐ JOINT PRE-TRIAL ORDER TO BE FILED VIA ECF BY _____
- ☐ PL. TO SERVE DEF. BY: _____ DEF. TO SERVE PL. BY: _____

RULINGS: PLEASE TYPE THE FOLLOWING ON DOCKET SHEET

Counsel of record for the Bank, who is moving to withdraw in this case, confirms that the law firm continues to represent the Bank in another case pending in this District, Freeman v. H SBC Holdings et al., 14cv6601 (DLI/CLP). Thus, the firm has an ongoing relationship with the Bank, which essentially has not "discharged" the firm but has simply directed it to cease working on the Letchook case. For the reasons stated on the record, and based on a series of judicial opinions cited on the record, the Court concludes that it has the authority to condition defense counsel's withdrawal from the case

on defense counsel's filing ^{a sworn} statement confirming that this order and an order to follow have been served on the Bank; identifying contact information for Dr. Borhani, the ^{Bank's} managing director; and confirming that the Court's warnings about the entry of a default judgment against an unrepresented entity have been communicated to the Bank through Dr. Borhani. Counsel are directed to confer and, by August 23, 2018, shall file a proposed ^{order providing a} deadline by which the Bank must secure new counsel or be defaulted.